

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method employing a location verifier system for verifying that a user is located within a predefined geographical area, after which the user is allowed to place a telephone wager on a sports book, the method comprising:

receiving by the location verifier system, a telephone call from the user requesting access to the sports book;

forwarding a verification number to the user, the verification number being received by the user only if the user is located within the predefined geographical area;

receiving the verification number from the user;

verifying the verification number forwarded is the same verification number received; and

permitting the user to place the telephone wager on the sports book.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein forwarding the verification number further comprises

forwarding the verification number to a user pager operable only within the predefined geographical area; and receiving the verification number further comprises

receiving the verification number from the user after the verification number is retrieved from the user pager.

3. A verification system comprising:

a transmitting system having one or more transmitters;

one or more pagers for communicating with the transmitting system;

a control system for receiving a signal requesting remote access to a betting system;

upon receipt of the signal, the control system forwards an authorization number to the transmitting system;

the transmitting system forwarding the authorization number to the user pager;

the user pager being capable of receiving the authorization number only when within the predefined geographical area; and



3 forwarding the verification number to a user pager, and receiving the  
4 verification number further comprises  
5 receiving the verification number from the user.

1 12. The method of claim 10 wherein forwarding the verification  
2 number further comprises  
3 forwarding the verification number such that a user or system located  
4 outside the predefined geographic area is unable to receive the verification number.

1 13. The method of claim 10 wherein the signal is a telephone call from  
2 a user.

1 14. The method of claim 10 wherein the signal is sent via a computer  
2 and a modem.

1 15. A method of verifying a user's location within an area to allow  
2 remote access to a gambling system, the method comprising:  
3 providing a pager to the user, the pager being operable only within a  
4 predefined geographical area;  
5 communicating by the user, with a control center when the user desires to  
6 remotely access the gambling system;  
7 generating by the control center, a number for verifying that the user is  
8 within the predefined geographical area;  
9 forwarding by the control center, the number to the pager, the pager  
10 receiving the number only when within the predefined geographical area;  
11 forwarding by the user, the verification number to the control center; and  
12 providing remote access to the gambling system so that the user may  
13 remotely place wagers on the gambling system.

1 16. The method of claim 15 wherein the gambling system is for  
2 placing wagers remotely.

1 17. The method of claim 15 wherein the number is a random number  
2 generated by a random number generator.